

## FROM THE EDITORS

## INSTITUTIONAL EMBODIMENT OF THE CHURCH

The fourth issue of ‘Annals of Theology’ in 2025 consists of four articles presenting, from both a diachronic and synchronic perspective, various specific aspects of the functioning of the Church as an institution which, by developing theological thinking, brings about changes in society and culture.

Paweł Rabczyński, in his article entitled ‘The Parish as a Vocational Community,’ discusses the importance of the parish as a place for recognising and shaping the priestly vocation. He shows the influence of contemporary social and cultural conditions on priestly formation, analyses the theological foundations of parish pastoral care for vocations, and discusses the main tasks of the parish in this area. The article entitled ‘The Polish Episcopal Commission for the Catholic University of Lublin During the Primacy of Stefan Wyszyński in the Light of the Minutes of its Meetings’ by Włodzimierz Bielak presents the history of the Polish Episcopal Commission for the Catholic University of Lublin. Based on archival research, the author highlights the most important areas of the Commission’s activity: the material foundations of the university financed by church funds, concern for the mission of the Catholic university, the academic community, the organisation of the university and the teaching process, as well as relations with the communist authorities. Monika Waluś, in her article entitled ‘Cultural and Religious Reasons for the Establishment of the Sisters of Angels,’ also based on source research, analyses the establishment of the Congregation of the Sisters of Angels in the context of women’s emancipation processes and the situation of the Catholic Church in the Russian Empire. Finally, Piotr Goliszek, in his article entitled ‘Catechesis – an Experience of the Mysterium *Esse Personale*,’ analyses the experience of *Esse Personale* in catechesis from the perspective of personalist anthropology.